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LEARNING DISABILITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to assess the learning disability among the school children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to introduce effective measures to handle the children with learning disability ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a)to(c): Learning Disability is not covered under The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities Act, 1999. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has prepared a guide for functional assessment of children with disabilities including children with learning disabilities The Guide includes a checklist and also some activities for assessing the functional level of children with learning disabilities in areas like mathematics, language, perception and attention.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) permits dyslexic students appearing for Secondary School Examination or Senior School Certificate Examination the use of an amanuensis as well as additional time to answer the question paper. Dyslexic students are exempted from examination in the third language.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has taken certain steps to handle children with learning disability.These include provision of extra time for class work,tests and examinations; provision of aids for better concentration; organization of suitable co-curricular activities, and capacity building of teachers to handle such students.